

REMARKS

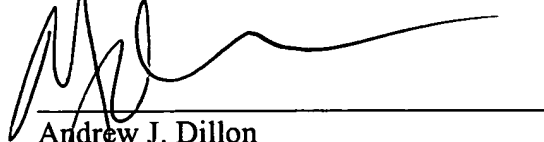
This amendment is submitted in order to more carefully characterize the present invention over the cited prior art. Specifically, the claims as amended herein now expressly recite that the security profile is variable and is automatically generated when the system is turned on. Further, this security profile is now claimed as specifying a variable number of unsuccessful power-on password attempts which are permitted based upon other factors including the time of day, day of week and security authorization of the user.

Support for this amendment is found in the present specification at page 16, line 5, et seq. Wherein field 74 of the security profile is described as including a specified number of unsuccessful attempts at entering the user password which would be permitted before the system is shut down. Thereafter, this system is described as setting this field utilizing an operating system API, taking into account "a greater security exposure during certain time periods, likely evenings or on certain days, like weekends."

Applicant respectfully urges that no prior art known to the Applicant or cited by the Examiner shows or suggests a variable security profile, which is automatically generated when a computer system is powered-on in the matter set forth within the present claims and withdrawal of all the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested.

A request for one month extension of time and a check for the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith. No additional fees are believed to be required; however, in the event that additional fees are required, please charge any other fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application to, please charge that fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. **50-0563**.

Respectfully submitted,

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